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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HUD OFFICIAL SHELDON B. LUBAR

1. SHELDON B. LUBAR, HUD ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOUSING PRODUCTION AND MORTGAGE CREDIT, PLANS VISIT TO SOVIET UNION TO ACCOMPANY HIS FATHER IN VISIT TO ELDER LUBAR'S BIRTHPLACE IN ROSSAVA SOUTH, SOUTHEAST OF KIEV. THE ELDER LUBAR WILL ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PERSONAL ESCORT. THEY ALSO PLAN TO VISIT KIEV AND MOSCOW, ARRIVING USSR OCTOBER 7 AND DEPARTING OCTOBER 14. (SEE ITINERARY BELOW.)
2. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SECRETARY LUBAR'S VISIT TO USSR HUD HAS ASKED HIM TO MEET, IF FESIBLE, WITH SOVIET HOUSING OFFICIALS AND OBSERVE HOUSING SITES IN KIEV AND MOSCOW.
3. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND RESERVATIONS ARE BEING MADE BY TRAVEL AGENCY (TRAVEL ADVISORS OF AMERICA) THROUGH INTOURIST. HOWEVER, TRAVEL AGENCY REPORTS THAT IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT TRANSPORT AND/OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR LUBARS TO VISIT ROSSAVA.

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RM WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE

IN (1) DETERMINING DIFFICULTIES, TRANSPORT OR OTHERWISE, IF ANY, IN LUBARS VISITING ROSSAVA, FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE DAY. THEY PREFER SPENDING ONE DAY THERE EITHER ARRIVING LATE ONE DAY, STAYING OVERNIGHT AND RETURNING AFTERNOON OF NEXT DAY, OR ARRIVING EARLY IN DAY AND RETURNING IN EVENING. (USSR VISIT HINGES ON WHETHER OR NOT LUBARS ARE ABLE TO VISIT ROSSAVA.) (2) ASSUMING SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION ROSSAVA VISIT PLEASE ARRANGE, IF FEASIBLE, APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE HOUSING OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW (OCTOBER 9) AND KIEV (OCTOBER 12). HUD SUGGESTS MR. YURI RODIN AS OFFICIAL MOST LIKELY ABLE TO ARRANGE SUITABLE APPOINTMENTS. RODIN IS VICE-PRESIDENT, STATE COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURE, "GOSSTROY", 24 POUCHKINSAJA UL., MOSCOW K9.

5. ITINERARY:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5 DEPART NEW YORK 09:00 PM VIA SK 912 ARRIVING COPENHAGEN OCTOBER 6. OCTOBER 7 DEPART COPENHAGEN 3:00 PM ON SU 551, ARRIVING MOSCOW 7:50 PM. OCTOBER 10 DEPART MOSCOW 12:40 PM FOR KIEV ON SU 1777, ARRIVING 12:53 PM. (ONE-DAY VISIT TO ROSSAVA, DURING STAY IN KIEV.) SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, DEPART KIEV 12:40 PM VIA SU 681 ARRIVING VIENNA 12:35 PM; DEPART VIENNA AT 2:35 PM VIA LH 255 ARRIVING FRANKFURT 3:50 PM. MONDAY, OCTOBER 15 DEPART FRANKFURT 10:00 AM VIA LH 400 ARRIVING JFK 1:35 PM.

6. BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH ON SECRETARY LUBAR WILL BE POUCHED.
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